b Vide answer to sub-division (a).

The Trunk roads in Ernakulam maintained by the Public Works Department are.—

1. Road from Ernakulam Railway Station to the Toll Gate *via* Cusba Station.

2. Road from Ernakulam Railway Station to junction of Hill Palace Road near Girls' School *via* Broadway.

3. Road from the Magistrate's Court to Edappalli Toll Gate.

(c) Vide answer to sub-division (a).

The reason for ordering the Public Works Department to maintain these was inability of the Municipal Council to maintain them in a satisfactory condition.

(d) Government find that the roads are improving.

(e) It is maintained by the Public Works Department.

(f) In 1105.

(g) The metal used was granite. The blinding qualities of the local earth not being satisfactory, gravelly earth was spread which, due to rains, got slushy. This condition is only temporary as, when it hardens, it will improve the surface considerably.

(h) The road is in good condition now. The inconvenience complained of was merely temporary.

Medicines for Ayurvedic Dispensaries.

234. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House.—

(1) whether the physicians in charge of the Government Ayurvedic Dispensaries are restricted to purchase the medicines for the use of their dispensaries from any particular Ayurvedic Pharmacy;

(2) whether the physicians have complained against this restriction;

(3) whether the physicians are prohibited to stock in the dispensaries medicines of their own preparation;

(4) whether the physicians are qualified to prepare Ayurvedic medicines; and

(5) how much medicines per day is allowed to a dispensary for free distribution?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes; from K. A. Samajam.

(2) A few have complained some years ago.

(3) None of the Vaidyans has applied to stock their own medicines in the dispensaries. It is not advisable also to allow the system.

(4) Yes.

(5) Eight annas worth of medicines.

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